

--28. (New) The method according to claim 23, wherein said isolated theanine is synthesized theanine.--

--29. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein said isolated theanine is obtained by a fermentation method.--

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--30. (New) The method according to claim 23, wherein said isolated theanine is obtained by a fermentation method.--

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--31. (New) The method according to claim 8, wherein said isolated theanine is obtained by the steps comprising:

(a) contacting tea leaves with water to prepare extracts of tea leaves; and

(b) subjecting said extracts of tea leaves to a purification step.--

--32. (New) The method according to claim 23, wherein said isolated theanine is obtained by the steps comprising:

(a) contacting tea leaves with water to prepare extracts of tea leaves; and

(b) subjecting said extracts of tea leaves to a purification step.--